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SERVICE *of* WORSHIP

Park Street Church | The Lord's Day, October 17, 2021

Instructions in this service booklet are indicated by the traditional symbol ¶, called a “pilcrow.” The postures for prayer include kneeling, reflecting the many biblical invitations to kneel before God and even to fall upon our faces in his presence. Where hymns are listed, the name of the tune appears right-flush in small caps. Scripture lessons are taken from the English Standard Version.

The liturgy for the Blessing of the Bells is taken in part from the 1961 dedication of the organ at Park Street Church, and from “The Blessing of Church Bells” (Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod).

THE PRELUDE

¶ *Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord’s worship.*

INTROIT

(II am)

What Shall I Render to My God

What shall I render to my God for all his mercy’s store?
I’ll take the gifts he hath bestowed, and humbly ask for more.

The sacred cup of saving grace I will with thanks receive,
And all his promises embrace, and to his glory live.

My vows I will to his great name before his people pay,
And all I have, and all I am, upon his altar lay.

Thy lawful servant, Lord, I owe to thee whate’er is mine,
Born in thy family below, and by redemption thine.

Thy hands created me, thy hands from sin have set me free,
The mercy that hath loosed my bands hath bound me fast to thee.

Praise him, ye saints, the God of love, who hath my sins forgiven,
‘Til, gathered to the church above, we sing the songs of heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Music: Austin C. Lovelace (1919-2010)

¶ *At the conclusion of the Introit, the People stand.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 90

Leader Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

People **Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were made, you are God from everlasting, and world without end.**

Leader For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,
even as a day that is past.

People **Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Leader O satisfy us with your mercy in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

HYMN

Nº 30 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

INVOCATION, CONFESSION OF SIN, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

¶ *Led by the Elder*

**Our Father who art in heaven;
hallowed be thy Name.**

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our coming day's bread;

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

and lead us not into trial, but deliver us from the Evil One.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

¶ *Greet one another in the peace of Christ, remaining mindful of those who prefer to refrain from handshaking or prefer to maintain physical distance. Following the Peace, the People sit.*

LIFE OF THE CHURCH & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Bells

¶ *The Minister says*

Bells have been used in Christian worship since the fifth century, to call the faithful to worship and prayer, to peal forth as heralds of good news, to toll in solemn mourning, and to declare the authority of almighty God, rebuking the devil and all the powers of darkness. For these purposes, friends of Park Street gave the church a large bell in 1819; by the generosity of another friend, we have just added five additional new bells, which today we set apart for the glory of God.

¶ *The People stand.*

Beloved in the Lord, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Make two silver trumpets. Of hammered work you shall make them, and you shall use them for summoning the congregation and for breaking camp. And when both are blown, all the congregation shall gather themselves to you at the entrance of the tent of meeting.”

Therefore, it is fitting that these bells be sanctified by the Word of God and prayer, to call us into the services of God’s house.

Leader Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People **Who made heaven and earth.**

Leader The Lord be with you

People **And with your spirit**

Let us pray:

Almighty God, who commanded by your servant Moses two silver trumpets to be made for the convocation of solemn assemblies: accept our offering of these bells, and bless them with your heavenly benediction. Grant that this generation

and those to come may be called by them to hear your Word and praise your holy Name. Use them, according to your will, to summon sinners to repentance, to comfort the brokenhearted, and to encourage the faith and worship of the saints. Grant also that as these bells mark the time throughout the day, they would be a welcome gift to our neighbors. Like the steeple in which they hang, let these bells be a testimony to your majestic beauty and goodness for all who pass by. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless the service of these bells to this church and to the City of Boston. **Amen.**

¶ *The People sit.*

A N T H E M

(II AM)

King of Glory, King of Peace

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee;
And that love may never cease, I will move thee
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee,
And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou alone didst clear me;
And alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.

Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
In my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee:
E'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1632)

Music: J. S. Bach (1685-1750) | arr. W. H. Harris (1883-1973)

T H E F I R S T L E S S O N

Isaiah 41:8-20

pew Bible p. 601

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

¶ *A Minister prays for the Children. The People stand; Children are dismissed to Children's Church during the hymn.*

O Jesus, I Have Promised

WOLVERCOTE



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
2. O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3. O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee
4. O let me see thy foot - prints, and in them plant mine own;



be thou for ev - er near me, my Ma - ster and my Friend;
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self will.
that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be.
My hope to fol - low du - ly is in thy strength a - lone.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if thou art by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
O guide me, call me, draw me, up - hold me to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if thou wilt be my Guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou Guard - ian of my soul.
O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.
and then to rest re - ceive me, my Sav - ior and my Friend.

Words: J. E. Bode (1816-1874)

Music: *Wolvercote* | W. H. Ferguson (1874-1950)

¶ *The People sit.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:8-15

pew Bible p. 939

⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

¶ *The People stand. (Hymn N^o 734)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

¶ *Following the prayer, the People sit.*

SERMON

The Results of the Gospel

Mark Booker

N^o 3: Servants of God

HYMN

¶ *The People stand.*

N^o 165 Ye Servants of God

LYONS

THE PRAYERS

¶ *The People kneel or sit. A Minister leads the People in prayer for the world, the church, the sick, and the suffering.*

OFFERTORY

¶ *The People sit. The offering plates are passed. Music is offered to the Lord.*

Petite pièce

C. Debussy (1862-1918)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

¶ *The People stand and sing as the offerings are brought forward by the ushers. A Minister then presents them to the Lord in prayer.*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

HYMN

Nº 521 My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK

BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

¶ *The People sit or may leave quietly as a joyous work is played upon the organ. Please be respectful of those listening to the postlude in the sanctuary or via the livestream.*

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Since Vierne's fantasia on the Westminster quarters is in the same key as our bells, the bells will join the organ in playing the piece.

SERVICE LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Mark Booker, *Senior Minister*

Nathan Skinner, *Director of Music*

ASSISTING MINISTER Tim Leary, *Director of Graduate Student Ministries*

ELDERS 8:30 Lyford Beverage

11:00 Rob Bradley

LAY READERS 8:30 Randall Wetzig

11:00 Linda Hemphill

MUSICIANS Sanctuary Choir; Daniel Schmunk, *Director of Choral Music*

Hanna Tam, *clarinet*

Simon Chang & Eleanor Peltz, *tower bells*

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